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TO THE

HONORABLE TITLE

IRONCRAFTER

KNIGHTS, CITIZENS

AND BY REQUEST OF THE

on behalf of **Harvard** University and its faculty and staff.

your great confessions, All which your Penitents are

The humble Petition of the

the Paris Office of 1914, and in 1915.

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ply conceive will not be to long as heathenish

What the Parish of St. Andrew's

populous, and full of Gentry and Citizens

and hath for these fourty yeares last past

had severall Lecturers there maintained at

their owne charge. And of late one Master

honorable the Earl of Northampton, Chaplen to the right Ho-

and of approved life and conversation.

these fourteen years licensed by the Chancellor for our

Lecturer

1974



1. *Journal of Management Studies*, 1996, 33, 1, 1-14.

Lecturer, and accepted for such by reverend learned Doctors, Prebends of ~~Winton~~, ~~Successorly Vicar of the~~ ~~ward~~ ~~fore~~ ~~said~~, untill of late one Master ~~William Grant~~ Chaplen to the Bishop of ~~Gloucester~~, by the procurement of the Archbishop of ~~Canterbury~~ is become the Vicar there, who hath put out the said Master ~~Jemmet~~, and in his place imployed one Master ~~Risford~~, a man of a very scandalous life to be Lecturer there, untill he heard the Petitioners were preferring a Petition to the Parliament against them both. The said Master ~~Grant~~, being also a man erroneous in opinion, scandalous in life, an Exactour of undueties, wholly unfit for that sacred Function, as will appear in the following particulars, here humbly offered to your grave considerations, All which your Petitioners are ready to make good,

And do therefore most humbly pray, that the said Master ~~Grant~~ may be removed, and such order taken, that a faithfull Ministry may be again established amongst us; as formerly: which we humbly conceive will not be so long as he continueth Vicar there, no faithfull or worthy Minister being willing to be Lecturer under him: ~~the care of~~ ~~which we humbly crave of this honourable Assembly~~ ~~And for it that humbly pray~~

First, that Master ~~Grant~~ hath ever since the Faste day in ~~July~~ last, put out the said Master ~~Jemmet~~ from being Lecturer, though himselfe confesseth that he hath nothing against his life and conversation, but that he did it
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that he might root out the Puritans there, and notwithstanding that the same Master *Imout* hath many small children, most of them bred in the same Parish. 2. That Master *Gram* did promise Master *Barrell* (being Churchwarden) (in the word of a Priest) that if the said Master *Barrell* would promise to pay him ten pounds a year (which accordingly was done) then the said Master *Imout* should be received again to be Lecturer, and added this Execration, Let this wine never passe through me, taking the glasse, and drinking it off, if I make not good this promise: yet nevertheless he put him out as afore-said within six or eight weeks after that promise and execration.

3. That Master *Gram* putteth holinesse in places, and therefore threatned to present the said Master *Barrell*, being Churchwarden, for coming once within the Rail about the Communion Table, for to receive the money which was collected at the Sacrament, and to put it into the poore's Box, according to the Rubricke, saying, none must come there but the Priest, for that it was holy ground.

4. That the said Master *Gram* boweth to the Table when he goeth to it to say his second Service, and at all other times, as often as he goeth by it, and also when the word *Isus* is named, though his face be towards the West (when his Curate names that word) yet he then turns to the Table, or to the East, and boweth himselfe.

5. That being desired by the Churchwardens to forbear reading the second Service at the Communion Table, he answered he would not do it to please the Puritans, and that he dares not do otherwise, for if it should be told
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the Archbishop, all the friends he had should not be able to perswade the said Archbishop but that he was a favourer of the Puritans.

16. That he hath affirmed, that the marrying of the Clergy, is the undoing of the Clergy.

17. That he hath said, that it will never be well with the Church of England untill Confession be set up in it.

18. That he hath spoken against the Doctrines of Predestination.

19. That he hath affirmed, that Pictures, and Lay mens bookes, and that it is lawfull to have them in Churches and Chappels, and hath desired the Churchwarden to set up the Picture of a Saint in the Chancell, and that he carried to Church with him a Testament full of Crucifixes and Pictures.

20. That he hath affirmed, that he had rather hear an Organ (ten to one) in the Chancel than singing of Psalmes, which scoffingly he called *Haps* in his joggins and commanded the Clerk not to let the boys in the Church, for that the unlearned could not sing, and thus threatened to present the Churchwarden, if he would not present one who on Sunday read the Psalmes to one that stood next him.

21. That he used very unbecoming speeches in the Sermons, as speaking of some *Haps* sinners, he said, *As good lucke is, we have the Scripture upon it, and at another time, of the devils temptations, As good lucke may, God was stronger than the Devil.*

22. That he called the book of Martyrs, *the book of lies*.

23. That he said, that all good fellowship was laid aside.

in the Parish, but he will bring it in again, and maintain it, and would have *Wine* and *Tobacco* for all that would come to his Vicaridge house on Sundayes after Prayers, and he doth make it good, harbouring there at such times, the de-boist fort tipling.

14. That he hath said, *That the Sabbath-day is no more than another day, and that Christmas day is an-higher day than the Sabbath day, and that it is a greater day than all the Sabbaths in the year,* and he also maintaines the book of sports.

15. That he will not suffer any to pray for the sick in the Pulpit, but useth the prayer appointed for visiting the sick.

16. That he is an ordinary Gamester at Cards, sitting up untill two or three of the clocke in the morning.

17. That when one preaching there reprov'd soul-murdering Ministers, the said M. Grant said, *That if he had been as neere the Pulpit as the Bishop of Lincolne was to Doctor Heylin, he would have pulled him out of the Pulpit.*

18. That we shall have no Lecturer if we will not take such a man as he will put in, and that if we will not be so contented, we shall be content with one Sermon in a moneth, that he will preach.

19. That he takes away part of the Clerkes wages, and gives it to a boy that rubbes his Horses heeles.

20. That he exacts money for attendance upon Funerals, and other undue Fees, four or five times as much as hath been within these seven years, challenging and taking by force money which is due to the Churchwardens for the time being, for Burials in the Church and Church-porch.

21. That he receiveth the money collected at the Sacrament, and saith, *That it is money offered, and therefore doth belong to him being Priest there.*

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